

Women's Health West

Year at a glance: 2017-2018



Women's Health West (WHW) is an organisation of nearly 100 staff and provides specialist family violence services to women and their children. We also run prevention programs that promote equity and justice for women and girls in Melbourne's west.

Our family violence service provides specialised support to high numbers of women and children every year.

This year, between 1 July 2017 and 30 April 2018...

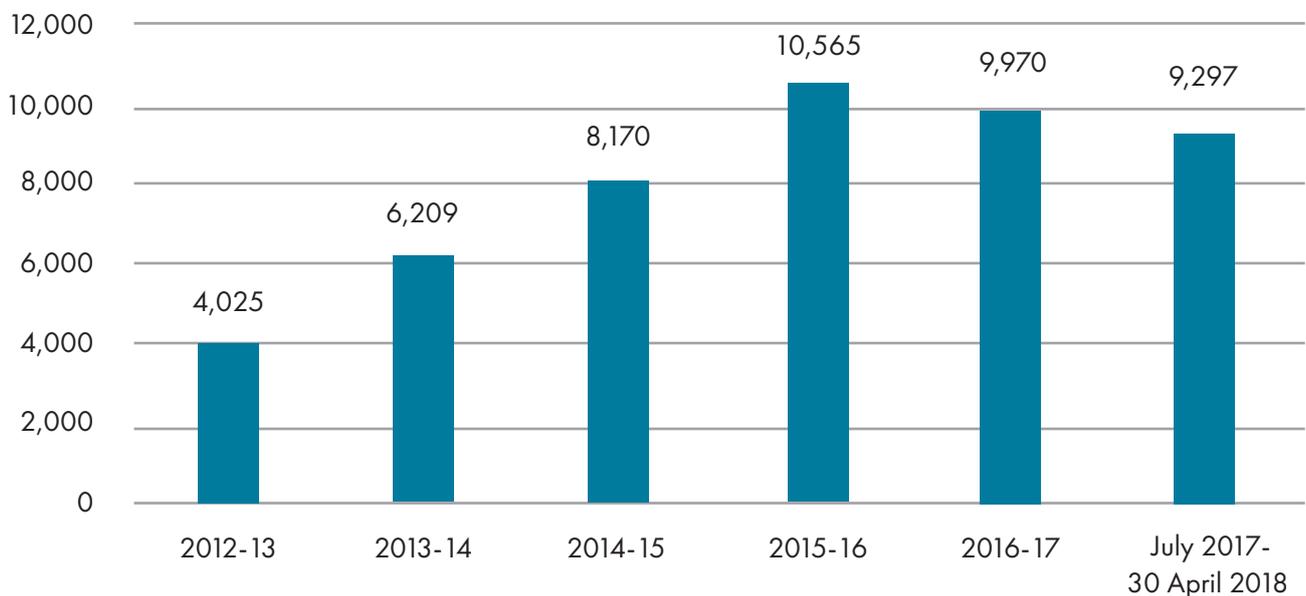
1,073

women supported at court, an increase of 12% on the previous financial year

Provided **243**

children with counselling support; an increase of 38% on the previous financial year

Number of police family violence referrals received by WHW



We also continue to deliver gender transformative health promotion programs and lead regional partnerships in the areas of preventing men's violence against women, sexual and reproductive health and mental health and wellbeing.

311

women participated in Women's Health West health promotion programs in 2016-17, an increase of 24% on the previous financial year

200

people took part in 16 Days of Activism challenge, committing to undertake 1,500 actions to prevent violence against women in 2017, which was a 112% increase on the previous financial year

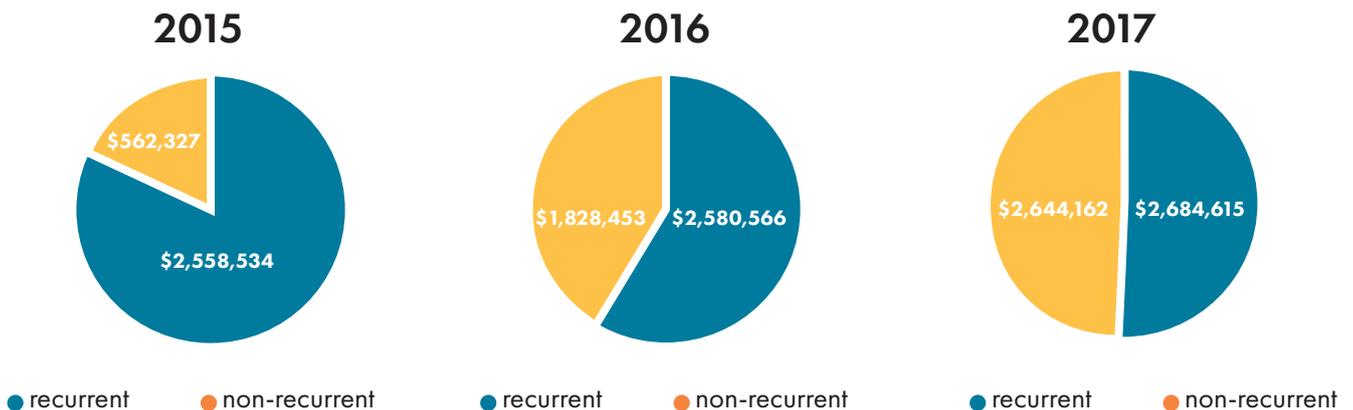
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We delivered professional development training and capacity building initiatives to 1,329 professionals in the health, community, government and education sectors in 2016-17.

Despite significant population growth in Melbourne's west, funding for integrated health promotion that supports our primary prevention and health promotion work has not received a funding increase (other than indexation) since the program was first established 30 years ago.

We have also experienced a significant decrease in ongoing recurrent family violence funding relative to non-recurrent funding in recent years, which impacts significantly on our ability to offer staff permanent contracts and sustainably plan for growth.

Proportion of WHW's family violence funding that is recurrent vs. non-recurrent



*Time period is July to December for each calendar year

With the pressure of population growth and increasing demand in our region, we need additional primary prevention and long-term, sustainable family violence funding to continue to provide vital services and programs for women and children in Melbourne's west.

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